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TOWN TO HOST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SESSION

Catherine Smith, Connecticut's Commissioner for Economic and Community Development, will be in Branford on Thursday, January 19th to meet with area business owners.

Smith's visit will provide the shoreline business community with details of the various pro-business measures approved in November by the General Assembly at its special session. The new measures were designed to spur job creation, innovation and business growth across the state. This outreach program is part of a larger strategy to reinvent Connecticut and to let businesses know firsthand how these measures can positively impact them.

"One focus of the special session was to help businesses — most notably small businesses — prosper and grow," said Catherine Smith, commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). "With $180 million in new funding specifically targeted to Connecticut's small business community, the Malloy administration and the state legislature are clearly supporting the job creators and innovators that can accelerate our economic recovery."

The **two-hour session will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Branford's Community House, located at 46 Church Street** [two blocks from Town Hall and the Branford green]. In addition to a presentation by Commissioner Smith, businesses will also be able to meet one-on-one with economic development specialists from DECD for specific details and to access fast-track assistance from the state.

Those interested in attending can register by sending an email to info@branford-ct.gov with their name and the name of the business, their business address and phone number, along with the general type of business [e.g., manufacturing] and the number of fulltime employees. Interested companies may also call their information in to Branford's economic development office at 203.315.5279.

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